

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: St. Vincent de Paul Society****Federal Tax ID: 92-0125695****Project Title:**

# St. Vincent de Paul Society - Building Safety and Heating Upgrades, Facilities for Needy Youth

**State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000****House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Upgrade heating system for efficiency and safety.  
 Replace cooking range fire suppression hood that fails to meet safety codes.  
 Improve safety and facilities for needy children.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$27,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other					\$2,000	09
Total					\$2,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*St. Vincent de Paul Society will pursue funding from private foundations that have supported such work in the past, including Ronald McDonald Foundation and Fred Meyer Foundation.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

St. Vincent de Paul society provides transitional housing to needy and homeless families in Juneau. The facility has aging infrastructure that must be addressed.

As part of a larger renovation, this CIP will pay to upgrade the heating system for both efficiency and safety. This will enable the organization to maximize efficiency--using more funds on services and less on energy. The project will also include replacing the fire suppression hood over the range in the facility's kitchen. The existing hood does not meet fire safety code.

Also included are capital improvements to the day care facility St. Vincent de Paul society operates on site for Juneau families, many of them foster children and children of parents working their way off welfare. These improvements include a safe play surface and indoor developmental play equipment for young children.

**Project Timeline:**

Summer/Fall 2008

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

St. Vincent de Paul Society
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**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

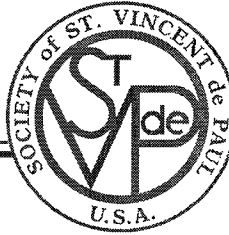
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



**Dan Austin, Executive Director**

**1. Heating system upgrade.** Convert from oil burning boiler to electric baseboard. Once oil hit \$3 per gallon (we now pay \$3.14) it becomes as expensive a fuel as electricity. This not count considerable cost of maintenance of boilers, valves and pumps.

cost estimate: \$6,500

*(This will be done in conjunction with shelter electrical upgrades scheduled for this construction season.)*

**2. Replace non-compliant cooking range fire suppression hood.** Old system does not meet current fire marshal regulations. We also need to relocate our propane tank and lines feeding the kitchen.

cost estimate: \$9,500

**3. Replace pea gravel with rubberized playground surface.** Current pebble surface represents a safety hazard to toddlers who love to put anything in their mouths.

cost estimate: \$6,500

**4. Indoor playhouse for motor skill development area.** So much time for physical activity must be spent indoors. This will give the kids a chance to exercise and develop physical coordination skills when they can't use our outdoor area.

cost estimate: \$4,500

**Capital Costs Total: \$27,000**

### **Operating ---**

For ten years the St. Vincent de Paul Society has supported the operating deficit of the state licensed Childcare Facility. Because the majority of our kids are low-income, in foster care or residents of the shelter about 40% of their care costs are not covered by the maximum allowable childcare assistance grants. It is our Thrift Store that meets the current \$2000/month operating deficit. We are building a new store that will add cash flow to the organization and allow us to sustain our commitment to supporting low-income childcare as well as our other charitable activities. However, meeting the childcare operating deficit each month severely hampers our ability to expedite construction of the new store. An operating subsidy to help cover childcare costs over the next two years while we build the expanded store would be a wise investment in a sustainable childcare resource in our community.

**5. Current Operating deficit.** Approximately \$24,000 per year. It costs \$844 per month to provide full-time childcare for one toddler. State childcare assistance grants provide less than \$600 maximum.

cost estimate: \$48,000 for two years



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**6. Increase wage and benefits for certified childcare workers.** Beginning wage at St. Vincent for childcare workers is \$10.75 per hour. We have tried with mixed success to help provide medical insurance. Our workers are required by the state to complete regular continuing education classes as well as current first aid, CPR training. These folks have the responsibility of caring for our most important asset--our children. We propose to raise wages to \$11.82/hr. and provide medical insurance for the employee only at a cost of approximately \$665 per month. This would represent a 10 % pay raise over two years (there have been no raises in three years) and new insurance costs of \$23,940 per year for three full-time employees.

cost estimate: \$60,840 for two years

**Operating Subsidy and Wage and Benefit package, two years: \$108,840**

**Capital Improvement Projects Cost: \$27,000**

**Total Request, Capital and Operating: \$135,840**